GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new type of communication racket running through illegal telephone exchanges has been unearthed in the capital as reported in the `Hindu` dated April 13, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether any investigation has been made in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government against the persons involved in the racket?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (e) In the recent past, 8 cases (as reported in the Hindu newspaper dated 13.4.2002) in Delhi pertaining to illegal routing of incoming international calls bypassing gateways of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd (VSNL) have been detected. Since private persons were involved in these illegal activities, help of CBI/Police was taken for investigations and appropriate action in the matter. In all these case FIRs have been registered by the CBI/Police. 18 persons were arrested by the CBI/Police authorities.